Welfare measures for Harijans in Bihar

2160. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Special Commissioner for Scheduled Castes, Government of India had recently visited Pipra Village in Bihar to review the various welfare measures for Harijans and for the follow up action to be taken for their rehabilitation; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (DR. RAJENDRA KUMARI BAJPAI): (a) and (b) Article 338 of the Constitution provides for the appointment of a Special officer (commonly known as Commissioner for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes) to investigate all matters relating to safeguards provided in the Constitution for the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. He is required under the Constituion to report to the President on the working of constitutional safeguards, who shall cause all such reports to be laid before each House of Parliament and the State Legislatures, if certain portions of the report concern any particular State. The Special Commissioner for Scheduled Castes in the office of the Commissioner for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes has been appointed to assist the Special Officer to fulfil his constitutional obligations. Ministry of Welfare has no information regarding the visit of Special Commissioner for Scheduled Castes to Pipra village in Bihar nor has any report been sent to the Ministry in the matter.

Varadarajan Committee Report on nitrogenous fertilizer plants

2161. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has been recently represented to Government that the Varadarajan Committee recommendations on new nitrogenous fertiliser plants, if implemented, would seriously impair the growth of fertilizer industry in the country; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU): (a) No, Sir. No representation to the effect that the recommendations of the Varadarajan Committee if implemented, would seriously impair the growth of the fertilizer industry in the country, has been received by Government.

(b) Does not arise.

Recruitment of transmission executive etc.

2162. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what are the qualifications generally prescribed for recruitment to the posts of Transmission Executive, Programme Assistant, Programme Executive etc., in All India Radio;

(b) whether experience in the field of fine arts/performing arts (including music) is included as one of the qualifications for the above posts;

(c) if so, the reasons for not prescribing the same qualifications for the posts of Transmission Executives in All India Radio advertised in "Employment News" dated the 23rd April, 1988;